

# NSA Surveillance Scandal

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A02D0zc2GKQ> (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A02D0zc2GKQ>)

Uploaded by [The Future of Freedom Foundation](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqOG4zIDmbIUk12Fzwg5tLA)  
(<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqOG4zIDmbIUk12Fzwg5tLA>) on Sun Jul 07 2013.

FFF president discusses the recent scandal involving the National Security Agency spying on American citizens.

---

[00:00:00 \(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A02D0zc2GKQ\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A02D0zc2GKQ)

hi this is jacob Hornberger president to the future of freedom foundation with a special message to our subscribers and our supporters and people who are interested in our work at the future of freedom foundation I want to talk to you about this major controversy that's erupted yesterday Glenn Greenwald of the Guardian published an article disclosing a top-secret surveillance scheme that the National Security Agency has had on the telephone records of the American people thanks to a top secret court order that the so-called FISA Court issued many years ago is the first time that anybody's learned of this of this top-secret massive surveillance scheme now keep in mind we're not talking about like a search warrant that's targeting a certain person or group of people that are suspected of terrorism we're talking about a court order that orders the telephone companies to disclose the telephone records of all Americans including of course innocent Americans this is incredible I mean this is the type of thing that we've been warning about here at the future of freedom foundation especially since 911 but even before if you look for example at my blog today I'm addressing this and I'm not the only one you see the libertarian educational foundations and think tanks they're addressing this thing to wee-wee in july 1990 in our monthly publication future freedom that used to be called freedom daily we devoted that in almost the entire issue to the vital importance of civil liberties and then especially since nine eleven i mean we knew what nine level was going to bring here we caught a lot of flak for but we were saying that this is where this thing's going to take us that the feds are going to use this crisis to do what governments always do it during crises they take away the freedom of the american people they infringe on the freedom of the American people in the name of keeping them safe and this is where people end up trading their Liberty for security and so we published

[00:02:02 \(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A02D0zc2GKQ&t=122s\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A02D0zc2GKQ&t=122s)

Liberty for security and so we published you know countless articles condemning the Patriot Act and guess what law the NSA and the in the FISA Court used to justify this the surveillance Topsy court order you got it the Patriot Act and so you know you those of you that have been with us a while know that in 2007 and 2008 we had two major conferences on civil liberties the war on terrorism foreign policy talking about this type of thing in fact we're linking today to Glenn Greenwald speech because he was one of our featured speakers at that those two conferences and and take a look at that that speech it you know 2008 he was talking about FISA the surveillance state Greenwald's been doing this this is why we invited him to speak at that conference and if you look at the speakers at those two conferences almost all of them have maintained a fierce and ardent devoted to civil liberties and that's why we chose them we caught some flak for bringing liberals into you know a libertarian conference but we chose them very careful because we knew that the Liberals we were choosing along with the Conservatives we're choosing we're right on the same page as all the libertarian speakers and so it turned out to be too fantastic conferences that's why we put the videotapes online on our website you'll recall we ask for your support to do that it wasn't a cheap process we you helped us bring a new website into existence so that people can go there is a resource that want to study up on why FFF has been so adamant about the importance of civil liberties and of course last year we went on this tour

with to college civil liberties tours where we our aim is to raise the awareness of students libertarians liberals conservatives that on our panel was Greenwald himself along with Bruce Fein a conservative me a libertarian Jack hunter a conservative who worked

[00:04:01 \(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A02D0zc2GKQ&t=241s\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A02D0zc2GKQ&t=241s)

Jack hunter a conservative who worked with Ron Paul so he's really libertarian and so we were talking to you know students there were liberals that were coming to listen to Greenwald conservatives are coming to see fine libertarians are coming to see me I mean we're raising their awareness because all three of us were on the same page and why well here's a classic example I mean you know a top-secret surveillance key this is like communism this is like what they do in Cuba they monitor air what everybody's doing because they're convinced that if they monitor everyone they'll be able to ferret out you know two or three guilty people that's not what a free society is all about a free society is one in which the gut we monitor the government the government doesn't monitor us and those of you that subscribe to future freedom or no you know our work on our website know that i have written it's 12 part series that i just recently finished called the evil of the national security state and and the whole idea is is that this cancerous tumor that was grafted onto our body politic in the aftermath of world war two is a malignant tumor that has taken our country down it's corrupting our values it's taken us to the dark side assassination torture secret prisons and now this massive surveillance scheme and so what we've got to keep doing here it's not just talking to reform oh you know bob is going to come back and say well maybe we ought to reform the the FISA Court of reform dallara it's time to tart talking about a free society and whether a free society can exist within the context of a national security state apparatus and of course you know our position it can't and so that's what we do here at the future of freedom foundations in a few weeks you'll be getting a special fundraising letter from us where we we're asking for your help to you know give us the resources to let us do more

[00:06:00 \(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A02D0zc2GKQ&t=360s\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A02D0zc2GKQ&t=360s)

give us the resources to let us do more especially with respect to these student groups now going on their campuses and talking about both economic liberty and civil liberties and why they're so vitally important so I wanted to bring this message to you because of the importance of it you know Greenwald was asked and his blog is worth reading if you look at my blog today I've got all the important links in fact we're linking to two Greenwald's speech at the future freedom foundation conference we've got his speeches from the from our College civil liberties to her but also linked to his blog and it's worth reading today where he talks about you know how important whistleblowers are and people have asked him will think the government is now going to target you and green wall says you know I'm not concerned about anybody investigating me because right now the whole world is looking at the US government and that's where we need to be examining and that's where the examination is now taking place and it's that independence of mindset that we that we that we think you know what America needs instead of this deference to Authority every time you this they quote national security everybody just rolls over we need an independent mindset you never know when ideas on liberty can can sweep across the country I mean a catalyst like this can wake people up to the to the dangers of a national security state and and who knows you can have ideas sweep across a country and suddenly and unexpectedly no inflamed people with passion for liberty and a love for liberty and that's what we're about here at the future of freedom foundation so I hope you'll give careful consideration to the special fundraising letter that you that you'll be getting we need your support you know in order to do what we do we need the financial resources that you provide us and if you've never donated to us before you know take a look at our work give me a call you want to talk about what we do here at FFF man I'm here available to

[00:08:01 \(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A02D0zc2GKQ&t=481s\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A02D0zc2GKQ&t=481s)

here at FFF man I'm here available to you 703 9346 101 drop me an email at Jay Hornberger ask me whatever about what we do and why we do it not be more than happy to take the time to do that so thank you very much for tuning in thanks for your great support and thank you especially for your devotion to a free society

---

END